

1 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
2 SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO  
3 WESTERN DIVISION  
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7 JEFFREY DENTON, et al.,

8 Plaintiffs,

9 vs.

10 COLUMBIA MOTORS, INC.,

11 Defendant.  
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Deposition of: JEFFREY DENTON

Taken: By the Defendant

Pursuant to: Agreement

Date: December 26, 2002

Time: Commencing at 1:38 p.m.

Place: 830 Main Street  
Suite 999  
Cincinnati, Ohio 45202

Before: S. Diane Farrell, RMR  
Notary Public - State of Ohio

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1 Q. Okay. Now, your application now mentions  
2 Roadway Express?  
3 A. Yes.  
4 Q. And we never talked about them, right?  
5 A. Okay.  
6 Q. True?  
7 A. True.  
8 Q. Okay.  
9 A. I've done had several jobs. I'm 40 years old.  
10 I missed some. There's a couple more we probably missed.  
11 Q. Okay. So you worked at Roadway Express in  
12 Tri-County, right?  
13 A. Yes.  
14 Q. And it says \$17 per hour, is that right?  
15 A. Yes.  
16 Q. And Mark Brooks was your supervisor?  
17 A. Yes.  
18 Q. And your position was service technician,  
19 right?  
20 A. Service technician, trailer line hookups and  
21 brakes and winterizing, oil changes. The truckers went on  
22 strike and got the white collar workers. Then it got the  
23 technicians.  
24 Q. What's LOF stand for there?

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1 A. Lube, oil, and fitter.  
2 Q. So you did lube, oil, and filter work for  
3 Roadway Express, right?  
4 A. Yeah. Reason for leaving, trucker strike.  
5 Q. And that's the reason, right?  
6 A. Yes, the truckers' strike.  
7 Q. You said initially they took the white collar  
8 jobs?  
9 A. White collar workers, figure of speech. The  
10 people up in the front office, white collar workers.  
11 Q. Okay. Then the next employer?  
12 A. Firestone Rubber Company, Northland Boulevard.  
13 Q. What was the rate of pay?  
14 A. 9.50. I think when I left there I was at  
15 12.50. All duties performed at Firestone, tires,  
16 brakes --  
17 MR. TAMARKIN: Just answer his questions.  
18 THE WITNESS: I just didn't think it was  
19 legible to him.  
20 MR. TAMARKIN: If he asks you the question, you  
21 can answer.  
22 THE WITNESS: All right.  
23 Q. So you performed all duties there, right?  
24 A. Absolutely.

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1 Q. What were the duties? It says here --  
2 THE WITNESS: See.  
3 MR. TAMARKIN: Well, that's all right.  
4 A. All duties performed, tires, tune-ups, brakes,  
5 shocks, struts, air conditioning service, 7500-mile  
6 service, 15,000, 1,000-mile service, 30,000-mile service,  
7 et cetera.  
8 Q. And what was the period of time you worked for  
9 Firestone you listed on here?  
10 A. It has '89 to 10/93. That doesn't -- I wrote  
11 it. It doesn't even look legible.  
12 Q. Okay. Does it indicate a reason for leaving?  
13 A. No, it doesn't.  
14 Q. Okay. And what was the reason you gave me for  
15 leaving earlier?  
16 A. A better job. I'm always looking to better  
17 myself.  
18 Q. What was the job you got into a fight with?  
19 What job was that?  
20 A. Bob Williams. It wasn't a fight. I wouldn't  
21 say it was a fight. You're saying it was a fight. I was  
22 struck and --  
23 Q. A guy at Bob Williams hit you, you hit him  
24 back, and Mr. Pierson told you that --

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1 A. Three days later both of us went in the office,  
2 which he apologized. And the apology didn't make any  
3 difference. We both went against company policy and we  
4 both were terminated.  
5 Q. Right. You were terminated from Bob Williams  
6 Ford, correct?  
7 A. We both were terminated.  
8 Q. All right. So the statement on this form under  
9 Bob Williams Ford, reason for leaving, found better job,  
10 that's a lie, correct?  
11 A. I found a better job. I don't think it is.  
12 Q. Well, would not it be the correct statement the  
13 reason for leaving is that you were terminated for fighting  
14 on the job?  
15 A. I found a better job. I -- when he struck me,  
16 I was not terminated. I was -- actually three days later,  
17 he terminated me. But I found me a job going out the door.  
18 Q. All right. And it's not your position that the  
19 reason for leaving Bob Williams Ford is, in fact, that you  
20 were fighting on the job with another employee?  
21 A. No, I found a better job. I was unhappy there  
22 before I was struck.  
23 Q. Do you think that's being accurate and telling  
24 the truth?

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1 Q. Okay. And as far as what he was hired, what  
2 position, you don't know what position he was hired?  
3 A. I know that he was promised to be advanced, but  
4 he was hired as a car washer. But he was promised to be  
5 advanced as soon as one was available. And it never  
6 happened.  
7 Q. Promised to be advanced to what?  
8 A. A technician, the job that he had before --  
9 before he came to Columbia Oldsmobile.  
10 Q. And as far as you know, then, Andre was a car  
11 washer his entire time that he was there?  
12 A. Yes, as far as I know.  
13 Q. And I've got that period of time as October  
14 5th, '99, to June 26th, 2000, so it would be about eight  
15 months. Does that sound right?  
16 A. I don't know. I don't know. I was more  
17 concerned about myself.  
18 Q. Okay.  
19 A. I wasn't looking at his job career.  
20 Q. All right. Prior to Andre's being employed by  
21 Columbia Oldsmobile in October of '99, did you have any  
22 problem with fellow workers at Columbia as of yet?  
23 A. None whatsoever.  
24 Q. No problems?

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1 A. None whatsoever. And there was always pranks  
2 going on.  
3 Q. Always what?  
4 A. I should just say no.  
5 Q. Always what?  
6 A. No, I don't have any problems.  
7 Q. What was the word you said?  
8 A. Pranks. Pranks.  
9 Q. Oh, there was always pranks going on?  
10 A. Yes, that I visualized with Rocky. They  
11 would -- pranks on Richard Fredericks.  
12 Q. Okay. So prior to Andre being hired, you  
13 didn't have any problems with the employees at Columbia  
14 Oldsmobile?  
15 A. No.  
16 Q. Okay.  
17 A. They didn't know me.  
18 Q. But you did observe that pranks were going on?  
19 A. Yeah.  
20 Q. And those pranks involved Richard Fredericks?  
21 A. The majority of them.  
22 Q. And what were the pranks -- can you tell me  
23 what pranks you were talking about?  
24 A. They would dump trash out. He was a janitor.

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1 They would dump trash out for him to clean up and just make  
2 his job a little more hectic than it already was, put  
3 stickers on the back of him, kick me, I'm stupid, just  
4 disrespectful things.  
5 Q. And who was doing these things to him?  
6 A. Same people.  
7 Q. Same people?  
8 A. Mark Fry. What are their names?  
9 Q. Jeff Watts?  
10 A. Jeff Watts. You know them.  
11 Q. Carey?  
12 A. Tom Carey. Names I just don't want to  
13 remember.  
14 Q. Okay. Anybody else. Mark Fry, Jeff Watts, Tom  
15 Carey.  
16 A. Scott Dick.  
17 Q. Scott Dick?  
18 A. Harry. I don't know Harry's last name.  
19 Q. Okay. And generally --  
20 A. Mischief things.  
21 Q. When we talk about these pranks or mischief  
22 things, it involved these people, Mark Fry, Jeff Watts, Tom  
23 Carey, Scott Dick and Harry, right?  
24 A. Yes.

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1 Q. Isn't there two -- who are the two brothers?  
2 A. Jason and Scott. I can't recall all these  
3 individuals. I lived a nightmare in this.  
4 Q. Okay. Now, when you saw them do these things,  
5 mischievous things to Richard Frederick, did you tell them  
6 about it, that they shouldn't be doing it?  
7 A. And gradually that's how they -- yes, yes.  
8 Q. So you said, you shouldn't be doing these  
9 things?  
10 A. Yes.  
11 Q. And you told -- you told to Mark Fry, Jeff  
12 Watts, Tom Carey, Scott Dick or Jason Dick, right?  
13 A. No.  
14 Q. Who did you tell?  
15 A. I told Bob Branigan and Jim Peters.  
16 Q. Okay. So you told them?  
17 A. I snitched on them. I snitched on them, which  
18 I didn't have a problem with them. I snitched, and that's  
19 probably where my problem started.  
20 Q. So you told Bob Branigan and Jim Peters that  
21 these mischievous things were going on and you didn't  
22 necessarily agree with them and didn't think they were  
23 warranted, right?  
24 A. Absolutely.

19 (Pages 70 to 73)

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1 Q. And what was Bob Branigan and Jim Peters'  
2 response?

3 A. They've been -- they've -- Rocky likes it.  
4 They've been doing it all the time to Rocky, it's no big  
5 deal.

6 Q. Okay. And how many times can you recall that  
7 you complained to Jim Peters and to Bob Branigan?

8 A. During my career there, I can't count them.  
9 There was several.

10 Q. Okay.

11 A. I can't count them.

12 Q. But your position would be that you complained  
13 to them a number of times, correct?

14 A. Daily. On a daily basis.

15 Q. And that would all be before anything ever  
16 occurred to you, is that right?

17 MR. TAMARKIN: Objection. That isn't what he  
18 testified to.

19 Q. Yeah, that isn't what you testified to. Let me  
20 ask you this way. How many times did you complain to Bob  
21 Branigan and/or Jim Peters before anything occurred to you?

22 A. Well, I was -- I was a new employee, and it was  
23 kind of strange that they were doing this to this  
24 individual and getting away with it. I complained. It

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1 Q. Okay. So Scott Dick sort of warned you or said  
2 that you're a pushover, they do the things they do because  
3 they know they can get away with it?

4 A. Because you don't do anything, correct.

5 Q. Now, what was he referring to, what things?

6 A. Just what I told you about, childish pranks,  
7 put their foot out to trip me or put a water bomb behind my  
8 toolbox and make it explode. I wouldn't go to Bob Branigan  
9 for that. I would continue to work. And I guess everybody  
10 else caught on to it, and Jeffrey Denton's a pushover, so  
11 that's what they did.

12 Q. Put a foot out to trip you. Like you'd be  
13 walking down the aisleway --

14 A. Like you not be walking, like you walk down the  
15 aisle.

16 Q. Say that again.

17 A. Walk, walk, walking, showing action. I would  
18 walk down the aisle. I would walk down the aisleway.

19 Q. And somebody would stick their foot out?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. Who would that somebody be?

22 A. Mark Fry and Jeff Watts and Tom Carey, the  
23 pranksters.

24 Q. Were you ever tripped?

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1 wasn't very many times. But I made it aware that I was  
2 aware of what they were doing to Mr. Fredericks, and it's  
3 just nonsense. It just seemed like it should stop or be  
4 addressed. And the answer to your question, a couple of  
5 times. And then I left it alone.

6 Q. Okay. Now, can you tell me when is the first  
7 incident that occurred involving mischievous -- or mischief  
8 or a prank against you?

9 A. No, I can't tell you when.

10 Q. Okay. When do you believe it first started  
11 that you were being harassed by employees at Columbia  
12 Oldsmobile?

13 A. When do I believe? It was before my nephew  
14 came on.

15 Q. And what -- what happened for you to believe  
16 that you were being harassed by employees at Columbia  
17 Oldsmobile?

18 A. Actually, Scott Dick informed me that I'm  
19 actually a pushover, they treat you the way they do because  
20 you don't do anything. So you know, putting -- knocking my  
21 pop over, sticking their foot out to trip me. You know,  
22 I'm an adult. It's childish pranks. And they just  
23 induced -- as I let small ones go, they induced and got  
24 bigger.

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1 A. Sure.

2 Q. So you were tripped and you fell?

3 A. I was tripped, and I was -- I had to catch my  
4 balance. I probably didn't fall.

5 Q. When that happened, you didn't go to Bob  
6 Branigan and Jim Peters and complain?

7 A. Several times.

8 Q. Oh, you did?

9 A. When it started happening to me. When the  
10 pranks started escalating, I reported them.

11 Q. To?

12 A. My supervisor.

13 Q. Who first?

14 A. Bob Branigan, Jim Pierson -- Jim Peters when he  
15 was available.

16 Q. It sounds to me like you weren't getting any  
17 satisfaction. Did you --

18 A. Absolutely.

19 Q. -- feel like you needed to go somewhere else?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. Did you go somewhere else?

22 A. Eventually, yes.

23 Q. Who'd you go to?

24 A. EEOC.

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1 MR. TAMARKIN: Don't guess if you don't know.  
 2 A. I don't know.  
 3 Q. Okay. Your requirement -- you felt you should  
 4 be paid \$13 an hour; isn't that right?  
 5 MR. TAMARKIN: If you know.  
 6 A. I felt like I should have been paid more.  
 7 Q. Okay. Were you willing to take the reduction  
 8 in pay, going from Camargo Cadillac at \$14 an hour to \$10  
 9 an hour at Columbia Oldsmobile?  
 10 A. I did take the reduction.  
 11 Q. So you accepted that; is that correct?  
 12 A. I worked at Columbia Oldsmobile. I would say  
 13 yes.  
 14 Q. At \$10 an hour?  
 15 A. Yeah.  
 16 Q. You don't understand the reason for the  
 17 reduction in pay is because you were being paid as a lube  
 18 technician?  
 19 A. No, I don't understand it.  
 20 MR. TAMARKIN: That's argumentative. I move to  
 21 strike it.  
 22 A. No, I don't understand it.  
 23 Q. Sir, I've taken a deposition of Mr. Tucker. He  
 24 gave me a list of instances that he says involved

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1 discriminatory matters involving him and yourself. I  
 2 haven't asked you about what your claims are. You have  
 3 discriminatory issues.  
 4 I want you to give me a list of each  
 5 discriminatory instance that you say was committed by  
 6 Columbia Oldsmobile or representatives of Columbia  
 7 Oldsmobile.  
 8 A. Okay. The ones that are vivid in my mind is  
 9 the carbon monoxide.  
 10 Q. No, no, slow down.  
 11 A. I'll give you time to write.  
 12 Q. Okay. That incident occurred on February 22nd,  
 13 2000?  
 14 A. Around there.  
 15 Q. Well, just so you understand it, to help you in  
 16 this time frame, you were first hired by Camargo on March  
 17 22, 1999. You then went to work at Columbia Oldsmobile on  
 18 April 30, 1999. So you went to work there four years ago  
 19 today. Okay.  
 20 Andre was hired by Columbia Oldsmobile October  
 21 5, 1999. The incident involving the carbon monoxide  
 22 occurred on February 22, 2000.  
 23 MR. TAMARKIN: Are you testifying?  
 24 MR. LANGENBAHN: No. I'm trying to give him

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1 some background.  
 2 Q. Then you are terminated from Columbia  
 3 Oldsmobile on November 27, 2000. Okay?  
 4 MR. TAMARKIN: Assuming all those dates are  
 5 true.  
 6 MR. LANGENBAHN: Got that.  
 7 MR. TAMARKIN: We'll make an assumption all  
 8 those dates are true.  
 9 Q. So do you agree with me the incident involving  
 10 carbon monoxide occurred February 22, 2000?  
 11 MR. TAMARKIN: Objection. He said about that  
 12 time. If he doesn't know, that's not going to help  
 13 him. He's not contesting the date, he's just not  
 14 sure. He's not going to testify because you say so.  
 15 Q. Now, what other instances --  
 16 A. My shoes were lit on fire while I was at  
 17 Camargo Oldsmobile. Lithium grease put on the floor.  
 18 Q. Wait a second, hold on. Shoes were lit on  
 19 fire?  
 20 A. Yeah, fire.  
 21 Q. How were they lit on fire?  
 22 A. With a chemical.  
 23 Q. What chemical?  
 24 A. I don't know. It was in the dark.

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1 Q. You were what?  
 2 A. I don't know what they were lit with. I assume  
 3 that it was brake cleaner or some kind of chemical. I'm a  
 4 technician, not a chemist.  
 5 MR. TAMARKIN: Just answer the questions.  
 6 Q. And how many times did that occur?  
 7 A. That my shoes were lit on fire?  
 8 Q. Right.  
 9 A. Two times. That's two too many.  
 10 MR. TAMARKIN: Just answer the questions.  
 11 Q. Okay. While you're sitting on the commode; is  
 12 that right?  
 13 A. One of the times, yeah.  
 14 Q. So one of the times is while you're sitting on  
 15 the commode. What's the other time?  
 16 A. They were -- just came up to me and sprayed  
 17 them with a chemical. Backwards, turned, sprayed my shoes.  
 18 Q. When they sprayed your shoes, then what  
 19 happens?  
 20 A. They lit them.  
 21 Q. Lit them with a match?  
 22 A. With fire. I don't know if it was a match or a  
 23 lighter. With fire.  
 24 Q. Okay. Now, this first time on the commode,

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| <p style="text-align: right;">Page 99</p> <p>1 when did that happen?</p> <p>2 A. I don't know. When I was working at Columbia</p> <p>3 Oldsmobile. When I was using the restroom, that's when it</p> <p>4 happened.</p> <p>5 Q. Who sprayed this chemical on you relative to</p> <p>6 the commode incident?</p> <p>7 A. Mark Frye.</p> <p>8 Q. Anybody else?</p> <p>9 A. It was a party. I mean they didn't go down</p> <p>10 there together to spray them. Mark Frye and Jeff Watts</p> <p>11 were together. I don't know if one lit it and transferred</p> <p>12 the fire but, I mean, they were a party.</p> <p>13 Q. What happened when that incident happened?</p> <p>14 What happened to you when that incident happened?</p> <p>15 A. My shoes caught on fire. I put them out.</p> <p>16 Complained to management.</p> <p>17 Q. Who did you complain to?</p> <p>18 A. My superiors or my boss. I don't like the word</p> <p>19 superior. My boss.</p> <p>20 Q. Who was your boss?</p> <p>21 A. Bob Branigan. Jim Peters, I could never find</p> <p>22 him.</p> <p>23 Q. Who did you specifically complain to?</p> <p>24 A. Bob Branigan.</p>  | <p style="text-align: right;">Page 101</p> <p>1 were damaged by this fire?</p> <p>2 A. I really can't say that the fire damaged them.</p> <p>3 I mean, I work in a garage with grease, you know.</p> <p>4 Q. The normal wear and tear damaged them?</p> <p>5 A. I don't understand the question.</p> <p>6 Q. Okay. Did you suffer any personal injury as a</p> <p>7 result of that incident?</p> <p>8 A. A result of that incident?</p> <p>9 Q. Yes.</p> <p>10 A. Paranoia. I mean, I didn't like really coming</p> <p>11 there, you know, because I knew incidents like that would</p> <p>12 happen.</p> <p>13 Q. Did you go to the hospital relative to that</p> <p>14 incident?</p> <p>15 A. No. I was instructed to go back to work.</p> <p>16 Q. Was there any write-up relative to that</p> <p>17 incident?</p> <p>18 A. I don't know.</p> <p>19 Q. Did you insist on a write-up?</p> <p>20 MR. TAMARKIN: Objection.</p> <p>21 MR. LANGENBAHN: Please?</p> <p>22 MR. TAMARKIN: I objected. You can answer.</p> <p>23 A. All the time. I got several write-ups. I</p> <p>24 didn't know what write-ups meant. I was getting write-ups</p> |
| <p style="text-align: right;">Page 100</p> <p>1 Q. So you went to Bob Branigan. What did you tell</p> <p>2 Bob Branigan?</p> <p>3 A. What I just told you.</p> <p>4 Q. I want to know what you told Bob Branigan.</p> <p>5 A. I told him my shoes were set on fire, they're</p> <p>6 trying to burn me.</p> <p>7 Q. You said "they." Who was they?</p> <p>8 A. I just told you, Mark Frye, Jeff Watts.</p> <p>9 Q. And what was Bob Branigan's response?</p> <p>10 A. He would take care of it.</p> <p>11 Q. He would take care of it?</p> <p>12 A. In a humorous manner. I mean, he really didn't</p> <p>13 show concern. He would take care of it, get back to work.</p> <p>14 Basically he didn't ask me, was I all right.</p> <p>15 Q. Did he ask you if you had anything damaged?</p> <p>16 A. No.</p> <p>17 Q. Did you have anything damaged?</p> <p>18 A. Not at that time. I put the fire out.</p> <p>19 Q. So your shoes weren't damaged?</p> <p>20 A. Was I damaged or are you talking about the</p> <p>21 material? Yeah, my shoes were damaged, yeah.</p> <p>22 Q. Did you have to replace them?</p> <p>23 A. Eventually.</p> <p>24 Q. Well, did you have to replace them because they</p> | <p style="text-align: right;">Page 102</p> <p>1 every day.</p> <p>2 So I just wanted my boss to do something. I</p> <p>3 mean, a write-up, I got them every day.</p> <p>4 Q. Write-ups are called disciplinary reports,</p> <p>5 right? Isn't that what they're called?</p> <p>6 A. I don't know what they're called. So</p> <p>7 write-up --</p> <p>8 Q. This happened before you started getting any</p> <p>9 disciplinary reports?</p> <p>10 A. No.</p> <p>11 Q. When did it happen?</p> <p>12 A. When did the -- I just told you I didn't know</p> <p>13 when the fire incident happened. I said, when I was using</p> <p>14 the restroom. I don't know when it happened.</p> <p>15 Q. Okay.</p> <p>16 A. Told you how many times it happened but --</p> <p>17 Q. Twice?</p> <p>18 MR. TAMARKIN: Just answer the questions.</p> <p>19 Q. The second incident that you referred to, where</p> <p>20 somebody just came up --</p> <p>21 A. Mark Frye, Jeff Watts.</p> <p>22 Q. It was Mark Frye and Jeff Watts?</p> <p>23 A. Yeah.</p> <p>24 Q. The second incident occurred before or after</p>   |

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1 Q. Why was he tied to a tree in the parking lot?  
 2 A. He was being hung. And hung -- I seen this  
 3 dummy tied to a tree and I seen him dragged through the  
 4 shop, you know, and got my attention on those -- on that  
 5 event, also.  
 6 If this is the dummy -- this is a pretty big  
 7 dummy. So this might be him that they hung on the tree and  
 8 dragged through the shop.  
 9 Q. I thought they burned these dummies?  
 10 A. Okay, I said on three incidences, about three,  
 11 they burned them.  
 12 Q. Did they make another dummy?  
 13 A. I'm not saying they made -- these were Barbies  
 14 that they set on fire, or 12-inch as you say --  
 15 Q. 12-inch dolls that were set on fire?  
 16 A. Yeah. And this dummy is pretty big, wouldn't  
 17 you say? He was dragged through the shop.  
 18 Q. The bigger dummies weren't set on fire?  
 19 A. He was hung.  
 20 Q. Well, were the bigger dummies not set on fire?  
 21 A. No, I believe Bob Branigan would have had issue  
 22 with the fire marshal if they would have lit that  
 23 individual up. That's --  
 24 Q. Are you saying Bob Branigan was familiar with

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1 the dummy that's shown in this photograph?  
 2 A. I think he was.  
 3 Q. And how was he familiar with that?  
 4 A. Because he -- him and Mr. Peters actually  
 5 congregated around Jeff Frye and Mark Watts' (sic) toolbox  
 6 while they made little pranks up.  
 7 Q. When you say "pranks," talking about dummies?  
 8 A. Okay, well, I mean, this is a prank also,  
 9 wouldn't you say?  
 10 Q. Are you saying that Jim Peters and Bob Branigan  
 11 congregated around Mark Frye's.  
 12 A. I'm not saying --  
 13 Q. -- work area and saw them making these dummies?  
 14 A. I didn't say I saw them making them.  
 15 Q. Okay. Then how did they have knowledge --  
 16 A. I'm saying certain pranks that went on where  
 17 they were there -- when the 12-inch Barbie doll was lit, I  
 18 think I just went over that, Mr. Branigan was standing by  
 19 me when he was being extinguished. I think I said that.  
 20 Q. What's the next incident that you say occurred?  
 21 A. Well, I'm not saying in order. Incidents --  
 22 Q. I understand.  
 23 A. -- that happened to me. I don't -- as far  
 24 as -- there were water bombs put behind my toolbox,

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1 compressed with air, they exploded. Continue?  
 2 Q. No.  
 3 A. Okay.  
 4 Q. Now, what's a water bomb? I'm not sure what it  
 5 is.  
 6 A. It's a plastic container that you fill it half  
 7 mass up with water and put air holes behind it and the  
 8 compressed air, I mean once it fills up, its volume, it's  
 9 going to explode.  
 10 Q. How does it explode?  
 11 A. You fill it up with water halfway and you take  
 12 the container where there can be air leakage in it and you  
 13 stick a hose in there and then -- you stick the hose in  
 14 there and turn the air on and eventually it will explode.  
 15 Q. So you're saying once you put the hose in with  
 16 the air, that hose is continuously connected with the  
 17 bottle and the air is pumped in, pumped in, pump it until  
 18 it --  
 19 A. The way you're pumping like that -- it's a  
 20 compressor outside, probably as big as the building, and it  
 21 pumps air continuously. That's how we take tires off and  
 22 do our --  
 23 Q. Eventually it fills up with too much air and it  
 24 explodes; is that right?

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1 A. Absolutely.  
 2 Q. Okay. But there has to be this continuous  
 3 connection and continuous air --  
 4 A. The hose.  
 5 Q. Of air being put in?  
 6 A. Hose. Hose. Air compressed hose that runs air  
 7 tools.  
 8 Q. How did that surprise you, whatever?  
 9 A. Because I'm not -- I work, I'm not -- I'm not  
 10 working at a mine or nothing. Explosions.  
 11 Q. So you're working in your work area, someone  
 12 unbeknownst to you --  
 13 A. I know who did it.  
 14 Q. Well, someone comes along and puts this  
 15 container there with the air hose attached, and then, as  
 16 that air continues to go into that container, eventually it  
 17 explodes?  
 18 A. Yes.  
 19 Q. And how long does it take?  
 20 A. It depends on how big the container is.  
 21 Q. Once he sets it there --  
 22 A. Well, he doesn't set it there to -- to -- on  
 23 these occasions he doesn't want my attention.  
 24 Q. Right. I know that. He wants to set it there

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1 and leave and then eventually there's going to be too much  
2 air in this container and it's going to explode, right?  
3 A. Yes.  
4 Q. One time you saw the person set it there,  
5 right?  
6 A. No, I never saw them set it there. I know who  
7 did it.  
8 Q. Who did it?  
9 A. Mark Frye, Jeff Watts, Tom Carey, same guys  
10 that did -- did all the things to me, other incidents.  
11 Q. How do you know these individuals did --  
12 A. Because when the explosion was there they  
13 wasn't surprised. They weren't surprised. They found it  
14 humorous and funny. And actually on one of these  
15 incidents, if I'm --  
16 MR. TAMARKIN: All right.  
17 A. On one of these explosion incidents it startled  
18 Mr. Peters and he came out of his shop, out of his office.  
19 Q. But you're telling me you have no eyewitness  
20 contact to say that Mark Frye, Jeff Watts and Tom Carey or  
21 Scott Dick did it, correct?  
22 A. Sure.  
23 Q. Sure what?  
24 A. Sure I do.

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1 Q. And how is that?  
2 A. How is that that I don't have any eyewitnesses?  
3 There's my nephew, he's an eyewitness.  
4 Q. How is he -- I'm saying, how is your nephew an  
5 eyewitness?  
6 A. Because he seen it.  
7 Q. Did he see Mark Frye, Jeff Watts, Tom Carey,  
8 Scott Dick do this?  
9 A. Yes.  
10 Q. Does it take all four of those individuals to  
11 do this?  
12 A. Well, I guess they're a party, they work  
13 together. I don't know if it takes all four. I don't know  
14 how to make a bomb.  
15 Q. You, yourself, never saw these four people make  
16 this water bomb, correct?  
17 A. No. I never saw them pour brake fluid on my  
18 chicken.  
19 Q. You believe because of other things that have  
20 happened, that these are the individuals behind these --  
21 A. Yes.  
22 Q. -- pranks; is that right?  
23 MR. TAMARKIN: I'm going to object to that. He  
24 already testified he saw them laugh at this when it

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1 happened.  
2 He also testified that they weren't surprised  
3 when it happened and some other evidence in this. I  
4 just want the record to be clear.  
5 Q. Sticking with the water bombs, how many water  
6 bombs were there?  
7 A. Several.  
8 Q. So less than ten?  
9 A. Less than ten.  
10 Q. When these bombs exploded, what happened?  
11 A. They exploded. Water went everywhere. I mean,  
12 I guess they wouldn't be -- wouldn't blow the shop down or  
13 anything.  
14 But, I mean, pieces of plastic could have -- I  
15 wasn't injured, no.  
16 Q. Did a piece of plastic hit you?  
17 A. No. I wasn't injured.  
18 Q. So a piece of plastic didn't hit you?  
19 A. It might have but I wasn't injured.  
20 Q. Did water hit you?  
21 A. Sure, all over my toolbox, everywhere.  
22 Q. Did you suffer any property damage?  
23 A. My tools, I had to dry them off, and personal  
24 papers, bills I had in my tool box.

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1 Q. Did you suffer any personal injury?  
2 A. No. I wasn't hurt.  
3 Q. And the time frame of your employment at  
4 Columbia Oldsmobile, when did these instances occur?  
5 A. Along with all the other pranks, they were  
6 continuous. I can't give you dates because there were so  
7 many done to me and they weren't -- they weren't -- how  
8 would I word it, they weren't disciplined.  
9 Q. Okay. How were these pranks, in your mind,  
10 discriminatory against you? How were these pranks  
11 discriminatory against you?  
12 MR. TAMARKIN: Objection. Besides the obvious  
13 comments and the hanging and the noose?  
14 MR. LANGENBAHN: No. No.  
15 MR. TAMARKIN: Water -- you said pranks. I  
16 wanted to make sure.  
17 Q. How was the water a prank?  
18 A. I would say probably with the water, one of  
19 them was probably done same day with the noose.  
20 There were several pranks done in one day that  
21 weren't addressed. I brought them to management's  
22 attention. I brought them to management's attention and  
23 they were still continued. I didn't understand it. I  
24 still don't understand it.

12 (Pages 123 to 126)



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| <p style="text-align: right;">Page 127</p> <p>1 Q. Okay. So each time, these several times, which<br/>2 is less than ten, that the water incidents occurred, you<br/>3 went each time to complain to Bob Branigan?<br/>4 A. Absolutely.<br/>5 Q. What did you tell Bob Branigan?<br/>6 A. They're at it again, their racial pranks. I<br/>7 don't know why they're singling me out. What did I do to<br/>8 these people?<br/>9 Q. Did you tell them the racial prank involved a<br/>10 water --<br/>11 A. I'm sure I said that on --<br/>12 Q. -- a water bomb?<br/>13 A. I'm sure I've done said that on prank events.<br/>14 Q. Did you tell them?<br/>15 A. I can't remember. I mean, I'm upset.<br/>16 Q. Well, when you said prank, did Mr. Branigan<br/>17 say, what do you mean by prank?<br/>18 A. No, he never even elaborated on it like that.<br/>19 Q. What was Mr. Branigan's response?<br/>20 A. I'll handle it. I'll handle it. Get back to<br/>21 work.<br/>22 Q. What's the next incident that you claim --<br/>23 A. I don't know if it was the next one. I had<br/>24 brake fluid on chicken.</p>   | <p style="text-align: right;">Page 129</p> <p>1 Q. Did you see them do it?<br/>2 A. I saw my Styrofoam plate disintegrate.<br/>3 MR. TAMARKIN: We covered a little bit of this<br/>4 last time.<br/>5 MR. LANGENBAHN: No, we didn't. You look --<br/>6 MR. TAMARKIN: All right. All right. I think<br/>7 he covered -- maybe it was --<br/>8 MR. LANGENBAHN: It was him.<br/>9 MR. TAMARKIN: Okay.<br/>10 Q. How did the Styrofoam plate disintegrate?<br/>11 A. Because brake fluid is a chemical. Styrofoam<br/>12 can't -- you put brake fluid in this cup right here, it's<br/>13 going to eat that cup.<br/>14 Q. Did you see Mark Frye and Jeff Watts put the<br/>15 brake fluid on your chicken or your Styrofoam container?<br/>16 A. No. Can I elaborate?<br/>17 MR. TAMARKIN: Yeah, you can elaborate. You<br/>18 can explain.<br/>19 A. I've seen them inject lithium grease in my<br/>20 donut.<br/>21 MR. TAMARKIN: I didn't mean to elaborate like<br/>22 that but that's okay.<br/>23 Q. So because you saw them inject lithium grease<br/>24 in your donut, you assumed that they put the brake fluid on</p> |
| <p style="text-align: right;">Page 128</p> <p>1 Q. Well, let's go to this one. You just mentioned<br/>2 that one. Brake fluid on chicken. When was that?<br/>3 A. I can't remember the date. It just was<br/>4 unpleasant.<br/>5 Q. How many times?<br/>6 A. Well, actually the brake fluid on the chicken,<br/>7 I decided not to eat my lunch like that again since it<br/>8 almost killed me if I would have consumed it.<br/>9 Q. Well, are you saying -- I asked you how many<br/>10 times did it occur.<br/>11 A. On the chicken?<br/>12 Q. Yeah.<br/>13 A. I said I -- I -- it only occurred one time<br/>14 because I used common sense and I wouldn't leave my chicken<br/>15 out for it to be tampered with.<br/>16 And actually I took that to Mr. Branigan and<br/>17 brought that to his attention because I thought that was<br/>18 very dangerous and I didn't consider it a prank.<br/>19 Q. Where did you get the chicken?<br/>20 A. Bigg's. I think it was Banquet spicey hot, a<br/>21 pound box, microwave for about six minutes, and that's what<br/>22 my lunch was.<br/>23 Q. Okay. And who put brake fluid on your chicken?<br/>24 A. Mark Frye, Jeff Watts.</p> | <p style="text-align: right;">Page 130</p> <p>1 your chicken?<br/>2 A. Absolutely.<br/>3 Q. Now, you're telling me that somehow you were<br/>4 warned or found out about the fact that there was brake<br/>5 fluid on your chicken?<br/>6 A. Yes.<br/>7 Q. Okay. You never ate the chicken?<br/>8 A. No, because there wasn't a plate there, and I<br/>9 know that, being that I have ate Banquet chicken before, it<br/>10 hasn't been that greasy and that shriveled up.<br/>11 There was brake fluid running off the table.<br/>12 And I know I didn't leave my lunch like that. I know it<br/>13 had a plate there.<br/>14 Q. Now, you didn't suffer any personal injury as a<br/>15 result of that incident?<br/>16 A. I didn't eat it, no.<br/>17 Q. You were out the chicken?<br/>18 A. Please?<br/>19 Q. You lost the chicken? You didn't get to eat<br/>20 the chicken?<br/>21 A. No.<br/>22 Q. How much did the chicken cost you?<br/>23 A. Mr. Branigan compensated me when I brought it<br/>24 to his attention and he told me to go get lunch again.</p>  |

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1 I said, he's a smart man, two and two equals four.  
 2 Q. But you're telling me he didn't make any  
 3 inquiries?  
 4 A. He said he would handle it.  
 5 Q. He didn't say, how did this get on your donut?  
 6 A. He didn't need to ask that. I don't know.  
 7 Q. He didn't say --  
 8 A. No, he didn't.  
 9 Q. -- who put this on your donut?  
 10 A. No.  
 11 Q. He said, I will take care of it?  
 12 A. Yes.  
 13 Q. And did he take care of it?  
 14 A. No. That's why we're here today.  
 15 Q. All right. Now, the next incident is hot sauce  
 16 on a donut?  
 17 A. Yeah.  
 18 Q. When did that incident happen?  
 19 A. I can't give you a date. I was working at  
 20 Columbia Oldsmobile.  
 21 Q. And how was it that hot sauce got into your  
 22 donut?  
 23 A. It was injected. I guess they do it the same  
 24 way you do jelly, jelly-filled donut, they inject it into

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1 the donut.  
 2 Q. Whose jelly-filled donuts were these?  
 3 A. Well, the one that was injected was mine.  
 4 Q. I think your counsel preempted you. Enterprise  
 5 delivers donuts frequently to the dealership?  
 6 A. Yes.  
 7 Q. So that's for the people in the service  
 8 department?  
 9 A. For the service.  
 10 Q. You went in to get one of the donuts?  
 11 A. Yes.  
 12 Q. One of the donuts that you got had hot sauce?  
 13 A. Not when I got it. Enterprise didn't do it.  
 14 Q. When you got it and you ate it?  
 15 A. No. When I got it, I brought it to my bay and  
 16 sat it down, I didn't eat it immediately. I have work to  
 17 do, so I continued my work.  
 18 That's when pranks are done, when I'm not aware  
 19 or --  
 20 Q. Did you eventually eat the donut?  
 21 A. No. My nephew, bless his heart, he instructed  
 22 me, don't eat it.  
 23 Q. So he told -- your nephew, Andre Tucker, said,  
 24 don't eat the donut because someone --

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1 A. Throw it away.  
 2 Q. -- put hot sauce in the donut?  
 3 A. It's injected with hot sauce.  
 4 Q. Did he tell you who did that?  
 5 A. Well, actually while he was informing me that  
 6 it was injected, we viewed the individuals that did do it  
 7 and they were looking for me to consume the donut, to eat  
 8 it. We made eye-to-eye contact.  
 9 Q. Who was that?  
 10 A. Jeff Watts, Mark Frye, Tom Carey and Scott  
 11 Dick, which they thought it was humorous, because that  
 12 prank didn't go through, I guess.  
 13 Q. So what did you do with the donut?  
 14 A. I pitched it.  
 15 Q. Did you report this incident to --  
 16 A. Not that one. I think -- I think I just  
 17 pitched that one.  
 18 When I see things aren't being done, I  
 19 basically have to go a different route. So my different  
 20 route was to pitch it and just go on back, continue  
 21 working.  
 22 Q. So you didn't report this --  
 23 A. No, not that one, not the hot sauce donut.  
 24 Q. -- to Bob Branigan?

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1 A. No, I did not report that.  
 2 Q. You didn't take the donut with the hot sauce in  
 3 it and go to Bob Branigan and say, here, look, here's  
 4 evidence these guys are fooling with me, here's the donut  
 5 with the hot sauce?  
 6 MR. TAMARKIN: Objection. He's already  
 7 answered the question. Objection. You don't have to  
 8 answer it again.  
 9 MR. LANGENBAHN: Yes, he does have to answer.  
 10 MR. TAMARKIN: Because he's answered the  
 11 question. You're being argumentative. He already  
 12 said he didn't report it. Now you're putting --  
 13 you're asking him the same question a different way,  
 14 acting like you're in trial.  
 15 This is a deposition. He doesn't have to  
 16 answer that again. Just don't answer it.  
 17 Q. You didn't save the donut?  
 18 MR. TAMARKIN: You can answer that.  
 19 A. I pitched it.  
 20 Q. Now, what other -- how was that incident  
 21 discriminatory against you?  
 22 A. I just answered that, I think.  
 23 Q. On something else.  
 24 MR. TAMARKIN: Answer it again.

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1 A. Absolutely.  
 2 Q. You were introduced to me as what? What was I?  
 3 What was Jay Langenbahn?  
 4 A. I guess you're --  
 5 MR. TAMARKIN: Objection.  
 6 Q. Go ahead.  
 7 MR. TAMARKIN: Objection. Move to be stricken.  
 8 You can answer.  
 9 A. Columbia Oldsmobile's attorney.  
 10 Q. What was Carl Stewart?  
 11 A. I still don't know what he is.  
 12 Q. You don't know what Carl Stewart's position is?  
 13 A. I'm sure he's Mr. Branigan's boss.  
 14 Q. Okay. And you met him relative to the issue  
 15 involving the carbon monoxide incident, correct?  
 16 A. Being terminated, I came -- I came back after I  
 17 was terminated and Mr. Stewart introduced him, who he was.  
 18 Q. He rehired you, correct?  
 19 MR. TAMARKIN: Objection. Asked and answered,  
 20 covered in the last deposition, this whole incident.  
 21 MR. LANGENBAHN: No, it wasn't covered and you  
 22 know it isn't.  
 23 MR. TAMARKIN: Objection. You can answer.  
 24 A. I already answered it.

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1 Q. He rehired you, correct, Mr. Stewart did?  
 2 A. Yeah.  
 3 Q. Okay. And after that incident you really had  
 4 no further contact with Mr. Stewart?  
 5 A. Almost every day.  
 6 Q. Almost every day you had contact with Mr.  
 7 Stewart?  
 8 A. Almost, after that incident, yeah.  
 9 Q. You never complained?  
 10 A. Absolutely from that point.  
 11 Q. To Mr. Stewart?  
 12 A. From that point Mr. Stewart knew what was going  
 13 on in the shop and they had a prank meeting, what you  
 14 call --  
 15 Q. Sir, we just went through 10 or 12 instances  
 16 and I asked you who you complained to. You said, after the  
 17 carbon monoxide I was introduced to Mr. Stewart.  
 18 A. After I was fired by Mr. Branigan and -- I was  
 19 introduced to Mr. Stewart when I came to pick up my check  
 20 and he rehired me.  
 21 Q. Okay.  
 22 A. And from that point on, it seems like I was in  
 23 Mr. Stewart's office every day.  
 24 Q. What were you in Mr. Stewart's office --

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1 A. About something I had done.  
 2 Q. Did you complain to Mr. Stewart --  
 3 A. Sure.  
 4 Q. -- that --  
 5 MR. TAMARKIN: Let him finish the question,  
 6 then you can answer.  
 7 Q. These incidents had occurred when they  
 8 occurred. I'm talking about spontaneously. Incident  
 9 happened, you go to Mr. Stewart and say, Mr. Stewart, this  
 10 happened -- that didn't happen that way, you went to Mr.  
 11 Branigan, correct?  
 12 A. Before I met Mr. Stewart?  
 13 Q. Right.  
 14 A. Before I met Mr. Stewart, sure, I went to Mr.  
 15 Branigan.  
 16 Q. And then after you met Mr. Stewart on or about  
 17 March 1st, 2000, did you go to Mr. Stewart after that when  
 18 an event occurred and you go to him and say, Mr. Stewart,  
 19 this event occurred, they pulled me up on a noose and hung  
 20 me?  
 21 A. Those events occurred before I met Mr. Stewart.  
 22 Q. So all those events occurred before Mr.  
 23 Stewart -- right before you met Mr. Stewart?  
 24 A. No, the nooses that you're speaking of happened

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1 before Mr. Stewart, yeah.  
 2 Q. Okay. What about the incident involving Harry,  
 3 where --  
 4 A. Yes, that happened before Mr. Stewart.  
 5 Q. So the incident involving where Harry says he's  
 6 tired of your black ass --  
 7 MR. TAMARKIN: Objection.  
 8 Q. -- and where he said, take a swing at me, that  
 9 occurred before Mr. Stewart?  
 10 A. That happened before Mr. Stewart.  
 11 Q. So did this incident involve, where he tried to  
 12 throw coffee, that happen before Mr. Stewart, right?  
 13 A. Yes.  
 14 Q. Now the incident about injecting hot sauce into  
 15 the donut, that happened before Mr. Stewart?  
 16 A. Yes.  
 17 Q. The incident involving the chicken, that  
 18 happened before Mr. Stewart?  
 19 A. Yes.  
 20 Q. The incident involving --  
 21 MR. TAMARKIN: Objection. Ask him what  
 22 happened after Mr. Stewart.  
 23 Q. The incident involving spraying of lithium  
 24 grease on your shoes and lighting that, that occurred

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| <p style="text-align: right;">Page 175</p> <p>1 before Mr. Stewart?</p> <p>2 A. Yes.</p> <p>3 Q. And the incident --</p> <p>4 MR. TAMARKIN: Keep answering truthfully.</p> <p>5 Don't look at me.</p> <p>6 Q. The incident involving the water bombs, that</p> <p>7 occurred before Mr. Stewart?</p> <p>8 A. Yes.</p> <p>9 Q. And going up to PDI, then, coming back,</p> <p>10 somebody trying to run you over, that occurred before Mr.</p> <p>11 Stewart?</p> <p>12 A. That was several times that happened. I think</p> <p>13 I did report those to Mr. Stewart, yeah. Not all of them,</p> <p>14 because some of them occurred before Mr. Stewart.</p> <p>15 MR. TAMARKIN: I've got to take five minutes.</p> <p>16 (A recess was taken from 3:40 to 3:47.)</p> <p>17 Q. We're going back to this Exhibit 4. You say</p> <p>18 there was also racial graffiti on the wall of the restrooms</p> <p>19 at work and typed on the shop computers. Do you see that?</p> <p>20 A. Yes.</p> <p>21 Q. So that is something we haven't talked about</p> <p>22 yet, isn't it?</p> <p>23 MR. TAMARKIN: Are you asking me?</p> <p>24 THE WITNESS: Are you speaking to me?</p> | <p style="text-align: right;">Page 177</p> <p>1 see these same remarks that you saw, right?</p> <p>2 A. He seen them.</p> <p>3 Q. What -- you reported to him, what did he say?</p> <p>4 A. He seen them and he reported it to his</p> <p>5 superior, Mr. Peters, which had the shop painted.</p> <p>6 Q. So then somebody had the shop painted?</p> <p>7 A. Not somebody, the service manager.</p> <p>8 Q. Mr. Peters had the shop painted; is that right?</p> <p>9 A. Yes.</p> <p>10 Q. Okay. And --</p> <p>11 A. The bathroom.</p> <p>12 Q. What's that?</p> <p>13 A. I was in the bathroom.</p> <p>14 Q. I'm sorry, had the bathroom painted. Do you</p> <p>15 know who put these graffiti or put the graffiti on the</p> <p>16 walls?</p> <p>17 A. Same people.</p> <p>18 Q. You don't know for sure?</p> <p>19 A. I mean, considering what -- what went on with</p> <p>20 me, I assumed that it's the same people.</p> <p>21 Q. I'm not trying to be smart aleck but nobody did</p> <p>22 a handwriting analysis to determine who did it, right?</p> <p>23 A. I don't know. It was removed.</p> <p>24 Q. It was removed. Once it was removed did it</p>   |
| <p style="text-align: right;">Page 176</p> <p>1 MR. LANGENBAHN: I am speaking -- Mr. Tamarkin</p> <p>2 is not sworn. I'm just smiling at Mr. Tamarkin.</p> <p>3 Q. We haven't talked about that yet, correct?</p> <p>4 A. Not in this sitting.</p> <p>5 Q. Okay. What was the racial graffiti on the</p> <p>6 walls of the restroom?</p> <p>7 A. Racial slurs, go back to Africa, nigger.</p> <p>8 Racial slurs that were unpleasant. Black monkey.</p> <p>9 Q. This restroom that you're referring to is in</p> <p>10 the shop area?</p> <p>11 A. Yes. In -- yes.</p> <p>12 Q. And did you bring this -- these statements to</p> <p>13 the attention of anybody at Columbia Oldsmobile?</p> <p>14 A. Yes.</p> <p>15 Q. Who did you bring it to the attention of?</p> <p>16 A. Mr. Branigan.</p> <p>17 Q. Would Mr. Branigan use this restroom?</p> <p>18 A. Yes.</p> <p>19 Q. He would use the restroom?</p> <p>20 A. If he is in the shop and he has to use it, I</p> <p>21 would think.</p> <p>22 Q. Doesn't he have access to other restrooms?</p> <p>23 A. I don't know. I mean --</p> <p>24 Q. If they were on it he would have the ability to</p>               | <p style="text-align: right;">Page 178</p> <p>1 come back?</p> <p>2 A. What do you mean?</p> <p>3 Q. Did somebody then put some more graffiti on --</p> <p>4 A. No.</p> <p>5 Q. -- because it was gone then.</p> <p>6 A. No, it did not come back. There was -- Mr.</p> <p>7 Peters had it removed and he said if there's anything on</p> <p>8 there again, someone will answer for it, and it never came</p> <p>9 back.</p> <p>10 Q. Now, what's the -- says here, typed on the shop</p> <p>11 computers. What are you referring to there? Racial --</p> <p>12 you're saying racial graffiti on shop computers?</p> <p>13 A. Yes.</p> <p>14 Q. What was the racial graffiti on shop computers?</p> <p>15 A. Go back to the hood, to the ghetto, have my --</p> <p>16 pull my house up on the computer and I guess you get a</p> <p>17 printout or -- stationary, your house can stay stationary</p> <p>18 while they can ad-lib things in writing. They put black</p> <p>19 little pictures in the front of my yard. Dope dealers.</p> <p>20 I assumed that was me out in the front of the</p> <p>21 house working on a car. You know, just idiotic things once</p> <p>22 again, which was irritating. What could I do?</p> <p>23 Q. Let me understand this. Go back to the hood.</p> <p>24 How is that discriminatory? I don't know, you need to tell</p> |

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1 Q. That there was this information on the  
2 computer?  
3 A. Yes.  
4 Q. Where was this computer located?  
5 A. It was located in Mr. Frye and Mr. Watts' –  
6 I shouldn't even call them Mister Mark Frye and Jeff Watts'  
7 stall. They had access to a computer which they played  
8 with.  
9 Q. You told Bob Branigan about this screen that  
10 was on the Internet showing your house and then saying, go  
11 back to the hood, nigger, go back to Africa, with black men  
12 on it?  
13 A. With black pictures on it. I wouldn't consider  
14 it a man. Oh, yes. Yes.  
15 Q. What did Bob Branigan say?  
16 A. Well, when Bob Branigan got to the screen it  
17 was deleted and the only thing there was my house.  
18 Q. So he then sees your house and he says, what  
19 about it?  
20 A. I told him what I'm just telling you, what was  
21 there. It was deleted and it became humorous again. You  
22 know, nothing was done.  
23 Q. Said, he didn't do anything?  
24 A. No.

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1 Q. You didn't report this incident to Carl  
2 Stewart, correct?  
3 A. I don't think I – this incident happened  
4 before Mr. Stewart, I think it did. I told him about it,  
5 eventually, when we were – after we were introduced and I  
6 found myself coming in this office daily.  
7 I tried to get him up to date with what Jeffrey  
8 Denton has been going through.  
9 Q. That incident occurred before you met Carl  
10 Stewart?  
11 A. Yes.  
12 Q. Okay. Now, you say here, the next comment in  
13 this after – lithium grease was placed on the bathroom  
14 door handle and on the floor of the bathroom.  
15 Now, we talked about the lithium grease in the  
16 bathroom, right?  
17 A. I mentioned the door also.  
18 Q. You mentioned the door handle.  
19 A. Yes.  
20 Q. So what happened there is you reached for the  
21 door and you hit lithium grease; is that right?  
22 A. Coming out, yeah.  
23 Q. Now, that was a prank?  
24 A. All of this was done to me by people that said

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1 they didn't like me.  
2 Q. That didn't cause you any personal injury,  
3 right?  
4 MR. TAMARKIN: Objection.  
5 A. No.  
6 Q. Didn't cause you any property damage?  
7 A. No.  
8 Q. Just a matter of you, then, had to, with this  
9 lithium grease on your hand, you had to wipe it off; is  
10 that right?  
11 A. Yeah.  
12 Q. Okay. You don't believe that that was done to  
13 any other people?  
14 A. No, I don't.  
15 Q. Okay. Did you report the lithium grease on the  
16 door handles to Mr. Branigan?  
17 A. Probably. I can't remember.  
18 Q. And did he do anything about it?  
19 A. I can't remember if I reported it.  
20 Q. Did you ever say anything about the lithium  
21 grease on the door handle to Carl Stewart?  
22 A. Probably. I can't remember.  
23 Q. Look at the next comment. It says, while using  
24 the toilet someone sprayed brake cleaner on the floor,

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1 turned off the lights and lit the brake cleaner on the  
2 floor. We've already talked about that, right?  
3 A. Yeah.  
4 Q. You say your shoes were on fire and "when I was  
5 running out I slipped and I could not open the door." This  
6 happened around January 2000, right?  
7 A. I don't know the date.  
8 Q. That's what you say here in the affidavit?  
9 A. Well, I don't know the date that it happened.  
10 We're in 2003. I tried to black all this out, you know  
11 what I'm saying?  
12 Q. Okay.  
13 A. That slang.  
14 Q. You complained to Bob Branigan about that  
15 incident? That's right? True?  
16 A. I'm sure I did.  
17 Q. He said he would handle it, right?  
18 A. Where are you at now? Did you turn the page  
19 yet?  
20 Q. "He told me he would handle it but that was in  
21 1999 and the pranks continued."  
22 A. Yeah. If I said it, it happened.  
23 Q. Witnesses to the above include Bill Larkin, a  
24 janitor, right?

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1 A. Yes.  
 2 Q. And Rocky Fredericks, right?  
 3 A. Mr. Larkin. Yes.  
 4 Q. Now, your next thing on your affidavit, you  
 5 say, on February 22, 2000 I was feeling ill at work from an  
 6 ulcer and told the dispatcher, Mr. Scott, that I was going  
 7 into the cafeteria to rest. You see that?  
 8 A. Mr. Scott, who is Mr. Scott? Mr. Scott, that  
 9 was going -- oh, that was Scott Dick, the dispatcher.  
 10 Q. Scott Dick?  
 11 A. No, not Scott Dick. Scott the dispatcher.  
 12 Scott, one of my witnesses.  
 13 MR. TAMARKIN: Rogers?  
 14 A. Yeah. He was a dispatcher. He was temp. He  
 15 was terminated.  
 16 Q. Now, are you saying that all the things on the  
 17 first page, they all occurred before this incident  
 18 involving the incident on February 22, 2000?  
 19 A. All the things on the first page, the dummies,  
 20 all that, yeah. I think the carbon monoxide -- I think the  
 21 carbon monoxide actually was the grand finale.  
 22 Q. Okay. Now --  
 23 A. I think.  
 24 Q. Let me ask you, you say here, I got so sick at

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1 work that I had to go to the hospital. Let me ask you  
 2 about that.  
 3 This incident happened on February 22, 2000.  
 4 Did you go to the hospital that day, the next day --  
 5 MR. TAMARKIN: Objection.  
 6 Q. -- or what day did you go?  
 7 MR. TAMARKIN: Objection. That's definitely --  
 8 want to go in the deposition and see? You've covered  
 9 the whole issue.  
 10 MR. LANGENBAHN: I just want to know when he  
 11 went to the hospital.  
 12 MR. TAMARKIN: you asked that at the previous  
 13 deposition.  
 14 MR. LANGENBAHN: Well, show me where it is.  
 15 I'm going to find it here. I'll look. I don't see  
 16 it.  
 17 A. It's in there.  
 18 MR. TAMARKIN: You went through the whole  
 19 incident.  
 20 A. I remember answering it.  
 21 MR. LANGENBAHN: You're thinking of Andre. I  
 22 never went into that incident at all. I'm just  
 23 showing you. Here's my summary. You can look at it.  
 24 MR. TAMARKIN: Go ahead.

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1 MR. LANGENBAHN: I'm sorry.  
 2 MR. TAMARKIN: My fault. I thought you did.  
 3 Go ahead.  
 4 Q. You say here in your affidavit that the carbon  
 5 monoxide incident occurred on February 22, 2000. Okay.  
 6 Got that?  
 7 A. I'm looking at it.  
 8 Q. Let's go through the incident. You're not  
 9 feeling too well. What's your problem? What medical  
 10 problem were you experiencing?  
 11 A. I have an ulcer.  
 12 Q. And you told Scott Rogers that you weren't  
 13 feeling well?  
 14 A. I said to Scott Rogers, I think it was him, he  
 15 was a dispatcher at that time, I'm going to go to the  
 16 restroom.  
 17 Q. Wouldn't you tell Bob Branigan? Wouldn't that  
 18 be the person you'd tell?  
 19 A. Well, Branigan wasn't available. He might have  
 20 been out on a test drive or something. There was a reason  
 21 I told Scott Rogers.  
 22 Q. Scott Rogers, was he in a supervisory capacity?  
 23 A. There was a reason I told him.  
 24 Q. What was the reason?

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1 A. Mr. Branigan wasn't available. He could have  
 2 been upstairs, he could have been off that day. I don't  
 3 know. There's a reason that I didn't tell him.  
 4 Q. Okay. So then you went in to the cafeteria to  
 5 rest?  
 6 A. To recuperate.  
 7 Q. Is it a cafeteria or the break room?  
 8 A. It's everything, all of the above.  
 9 Q. Is it also a restroom?  
 10 A. Yeah. Isn't that terrible? Yeah.  
 11 Q. So it's a break room, cafeteria, and a  
 12 bathroom?  
 13 A. Yeah. Sounds bad, don't it?  
 14 Q. You were resting in there?  
 15 A. Recuperating, trying to bounce back.  
 16 Q. What happened?  
 17 A. I got -- went into the waiting room and got me  
 18 two cold beverages to put on my stomach to -- to, abdominal  
 19 pain in my stomach, the cold beverages, not open, just  
 20 putting the cold can on my stomach sometimes would help  
 21 matters. I put them on my stomach and I put my head down  
 22 upon the table to see if I could bounce back.  
 23 And I was sitting there. The door closed and  
 24 the room filled up with smoke.

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| <p style="text-align: right;">Page 207</p> <p>1 he went the first day or second day or third day?</p> <p>2 What is the relevance? Why are we getting into this?</p> <p>3 This is a racial discrimination case.</p> <p>4 MR. LANGENBAHN: I need to know.</p> <p>5 MR. TAMARKIN: You don't need to know. What</p> <p>6 you're trying to do, Jay, is you're -- I'm not going</p> <p>7 to get into it.</p> <p>8 MR. LANGENBAHN: I want to know the factual</p> <p>9 information here.</p> <p>10 Q. You didn't go to the hospital the day of the</p> <p>11 incident, right?</p> <p>12 MR. TAMARKIN: I'm just going to shut up.</p> <p>13 A. No.</p> <p>14 Q. You think you went maybe on the 24th as opposed</p> <p>15 to the 23rd, right?</p> <p>16 A. Yes.</p> <p>17 Q. Reading this affidavit and thinking about it,</p> <p>18 did you go to work the next day, on the 23rd?</p> <p>19 A. I don't know if I went to work the next day.</p> <p>20 Q. Okay. You say here in your affidavit, on</p> <p>21 February 24 I saw Frye, Watts, Dick at work. So I'm</p> <p>22 assuming you went to work on the 24th; is that right?</p> <p>23 A. I saw Frye and Watts and Dick at work, yeah.</p> <p>24 Q. Did you go to work on February 24th?</p>                         | <p style="text-align: right;">Page 209</p> <p>1 know --</p> <p>2 MR. TAMARKIN: He says he doesn't know. He</p> <p>3 says -- he said he didn't know three times and you</p> <p>4 argue with the witness.</p> <p>5 MR. LANGENBAHN: I'm not argue --</p> <p>6 MR. TAMARKIN: You try to set your closing</p> <p>7 argument up through your deposition. You can't do</p> <p>8 it. I'm not going to allow you to do it.</p> <p>9 Believe me, I've been an attorney longer than</p> <p>10 you, Jay, you can't do it.</p> <p>11 Q. Sir, did you go to work on the 23rd of</p> <p>12 February?</p> <p>13 A. I don't know.</p> <p>14 Q. Did you go to work on February 24th?</p> <p>15 A. I don't know if I returned to work the next</p> <p>16 day, if that was the next day. I can't remember back that</p> <p>17 far.</p> <p>18 Q. And when you returned to work, whatever day it</p> <p>19 was, you were concerned about what the disciplinary actions</p> <p>20 were against Frye, Watts and Dick; is that right?</p> <p>21 A. Yes.</p> <p>22 Q. Okay. And you asked Bob and Jim about -- Bob</p> <p>23 Branigan and Jim Peters what the disciplinary action was,</p> <p>24 right?</p>                       |
| <p style="text-align: right;">Page 208</p> <p>1 A. I don't know if it was the 24th.</p> <p>2 Q. You say that in your affidavit.</p> <p>3 MR. TAMARKIN: Objection. It's argumentative.</p> <p>4 You can't keep arguing with the damn witnesses. If</p> <p>5 you keep it up I'm going to stop the deposition. You</p> <p>6 can't argue, you can ask him questions.</p> <p>7 MR. LANGENBAHN: What's true, what's in this</p> <p>8 affidavit or what he's testified to?</p> <p>9 MR. TAMARKIN: You can't argue about --</p> <p>10 MR. LANGENBAHN: I'm not arguing.</p> <p>11 MR. TAMARKIN: You argue with him every time he</p> <p>12 says something.</p> <p>13 MR. LANGENBAHN: Ivan, let's lay it on the</p> <p>14 line. The issue in this case is about credibility.</p> <p>15 MR. TAMARKIN: It's about discrimination.</p> <p>16 MR. LANGENBAHN: It's about credibility.</p> <p>17 MR. TAMARKIN: You cannot argue with the</p> <p>18 witness in a deposition.</p> <p>19 MR. LANGENBAHN: Is he credible in this</p> <p>20 affidavit or is he --</p> <p>21 MR. TAMARKIN: You can argue that to the jury</p> <p>22 if you want to in your closing argument, but you</p> <p>23 can't argue with the witness.</p> <p>24 MR. LANGENBAHN: I'm not arguing. I want to</p> | <p style="text-align: right;">Page 210</p> <p>1 A. Yes.</p> <p>2 Q. And they said it was not -- not any of your</p> <p>3 concern; is that right?</p> <p>4 A. They said they would handle it, let them handle</p> <p>5 it, correct.</p> <p>6 Q. Okay. Now, you say in your affidavit, "I then</p> <p>7 got up set with the three men who had hurt me and started</p> <p>8 yelling at them." Tell me about what happened there.</p> <p>9 A. Well, nothing was -- to my knowledge it seemed</p> <p>10 like nothing was being done and I was upset.</p> <p>11 Q. So you went to Jim Peters and you went to Bob</p> <p>12 Branigan, they said, listen, you shouldn't concern</p> <p>13 yourself, we'll take care of this?</p> <p>14 A. Basically, yes.</p> <p>15 Q. You didn't think that anything was being done;</p> <p>16 is that right?</p> <p>17 A. After a couple days have passed, yes.</p> <p>18 Q. So then you got upset about that?</p> <p>19 A. Yes.</p> <p>20 Q. And how did you get upset about it? What did</p> <p>21 you do?</p> <p>22 A. I got upset with people that done it to me and</p> <p>23 I went to management again.</p> <p>24 Q. So when you say you got upset with the people</p> |

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1 that done it to you, you specifically identify Frye, Watts,  
 2 and Dick, right?  
 3 A. Yeah.  
 4 Q. How did you get upset with them?  
 5 A. How did I get upset? From what was done to me  
 6 is how I got upset.  
 7 Q. No, but what did you do?  
 8 A. I didn't do anything. I showed my emotions. I  
 9 was upset. They could tell I was provoked.  
 10 Q. Did you yell at them?  
 11 A. They told me how they felt about the incident,  
 12 that nothing was going to happen to them, and I was  
 13 provoked about it.  
 14 Q. So they say, we didn't do anything wrong about  
 15 this incident? What did they say to you?  
 16 A. Who's "they"?  
 17 Q. They, I guess the people we've been talking  
 18 about, Frye, Watts, and Dick.  
 19 A. Well, nothing had happened to them. I felt  
 20 like they should have been terminated immediately.  
 21 Q. Did you tell that to Bob Branigan --  
 22 A. Yes.  
 23 Q. -- or Jim Peters?  
 24 A. Yes.

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1 Q. Who did you tell it to?  
 2 A. Both.  
 3 Q. So you told Bob Branigan and Jim Peters, I feel  
 4 that Frye, Watts, and Dick should be terminated for what  
 5 they did to me?  
 6 A. They should have been.  
 7 MR. TAMARKIN: Objection. Asked and answered.  
 8 Can you repeat the question and ask him again?  
 9 That's what I'm talking about, you don't have to do  
 10 that. We're not on cross-examination.  
 11 MR. LANGENBAHN: I'll move on.  
 12 MR. TAMARKIN: Thank you.  
 13 Q. What do Peters and Branigan say when you told  
 14 them that you think Frye, Watts and Dick should be  
 15 terminated?  
 16 A. Said they should be arrested and I will seek --  
 17 MR. TAMARKIN: Just answer his question.  
 18 Listen to his question.  
 19 Q. What did -- what did Peters and Branigan say to  
 20 you?  
 21 A. That they would handle it.  
 22 Q. They said they will handle it?  
 23 A. Uh-huh.  
 24 Q. When did it come in that you said you felt they

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1 should be arrested?  
 2 A. When I went in, decided to go to the  
 3 authorities.  
 4 Q. Did you tell Bob Branigan and Jim Peters that  
 5 you thought Frye, Watts and Dick should be arrested?  
 6 A. After I went to the authorities, absolutely.  
 7 Q. When did you go to the authorities?  
 8 A. Probably days later when I realized that my  
 9 supervisors didn't care.  
 10 Q. And what authorities did you go to?  
 11 A. Montgomery police.  
 12 Q. Did you go -- did you call them on the phone,  
 13 did you just go down to their station, or how did that  
 14 work?  
 15 A. I went down to their station.  
 16 Q. When you went there what did you tell them,  
 17 what did you say?  
 18 A. Exactly what happened to me.  
 19 Q. And who did you talk to?  
 20 A. Detective Platchy (phonetic).  
 21 Q. Is he white or black?  
 22 A. He's white.  
 23 Q. Platchy?  
 24 A. Platchy.

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1 Q. Tell me what you told detective Platchy.  
 2 MR. TAMARKIN: Objection. He just told you  
 3 that he said the same thing he's told everybody else.  
 4 That's enough.  
 5 MR. LANGENBAHN: I've got a right to know what  
 6 he told Platchy.  
 7 MR. TAMARKIN: You know what I'm going to do,  
 8 I'm going to put this deposition up for Beckwith to  
 9 look at your questions. I'm going to ask for fees  
 10 for my time because you're asking the same question  
 11 over and over and over.  
 12 You can ask the question. Go ahead. He told  
 13 you the same thing he said before what happened.  
 14 Isn't that enough?  
 15 MR. LANGENBAHN: I don't know.  
 16 MR. TAMARKIN: You keep on asking the same  
 17 questions. You're taking my time for no reason  
 18 because you keep on asking the same questions.  
 19 Q. What did you tell Detective Platchy?  
 20 A. Same thing I just said.  
 21 Q. You told Detective Platchy about the incident  
 22 that occurred at Columbia Oldsmobile?  
 23 A. Yes.  
 24 Q. Okay. Did you tell Detective Platchy that you

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| <p style="text-align: right;">Page 223</p> <p>1 we are. He gets terminated. He gets terminated by</p> <p>2 Bob Branigan because he's yelling and screaming.</p> <p>3 MR. TAMARKIN: I'm just objecting, Jay. You</p> <p>4 don't have to testify.</p> <p>5 A. I got terminated because I'm black, basically.</p> <p>6 Q. Okay.</p> <p>7 A. I don't think I got terminated because I was</p> <p>8 yelling and screaming. That's what --</p> <p>9 Q. Were you saying some bad words in the service</p> <p>10 department?</p> <p>11 A. No. No.</p> <p>12 Q. Were you saying fuck this, fuck that?</p> <p>13 A. I don't use profanity. I don't use profanity.</p> <p>14 Q. You weren't saying bad words?</p> <p>15 A. I don't use profanity. I don't use --</p> <p>16 Q. Were you yelling and screaming?</p> <p>17 A. Probably. I yell. I'm screaming now. My</p> <p>18 voice is heavy.</p> <p>19 Q. What did --</p> <p>20 A. I talk in the shop with guns and machine tools</p> <p>21 running, I'm talking deep now.</p> <p>22 Q. So Bob Branigan comes out and says -- what's he</p> <p>23 say to you on February 24?</p> <p>24 A. You're fired.</p> | <p style="text-align: right;">Page 225</p> <p>1 A. Yeah.</p> <p>2 Q. Andre Tucker?</p> <p>3 A. Yes.</p> <p>4 Q. Anybody else?</p> <p>5 A. That's about six or seven individuals right</p> <p>6 there.</p> <p>7 Q. Anybody else?</p> <p>8 A. And we were singled out, us two, and we were</p> <p>9 terminated.</p> <p>10 Q. Was this a situation where Andre and you were</p> <p>11 confronting Frye and Watts?</p> <p>12 A. I wasn't confronting anybody.</p> <p>13 Q. And saying, don't ever think you're going to do</p> <p>14 this again or we're going to get you?</p> <p>15 A. No.</p> <p>16 Q. Nothing happened like that?</p> <p>17 A. No.</p> <p>18 Q. You didn't -- I'm sorry, go ahead.</p> <p>19 A. Pranks were done against me. Why would I</p> <p>20 surround someone and threaten them? All the time I've been</p> <p>21 going to my superior or my supervisor trying to get results</p> <p>22 from him.</p> <p>23 Why would I come and surround seven technicians</p> <p>24 and tell them what I'm going to do to them?</p>   |
| <p style="text-align: right;">Page 224</p> <p>1 Q. That's all he says?</p> <p>2 A. Basically.</p> <p>3 Q. Says you're fired?</p> <p>4 A. That's it. Isn't that something?</p> <p>5 Q. Did he come out and say, Jeff, you got to keep</p> <p>6 your mouth --</p> <p>7 A. No.</p> <p>8 Q. -- clean?</p> <p>9 A. No.</p> <p>10 Q. You can't be cussing here?</p> <p>11 A. No.</p> <p>12 Q. You can't be yelling and screaming?</p> <p>13 A. No.</p> <p>14 Q. You're yelling and screaming just wasn't you,</p> <p>15 Andre was involved in this, too, wasn't he?</p> <p>16 A. Scott Dick, Mark Frye, there were several</p> <p>17 individuals involved. We were the only two terminated.</p> <p>18 Q. Who were they?</p> <p>19 A. The two terminated, me and my nephew.</p> <p>20 Q. No, who were the people involved?</p> <p>21 A. Mark Frye, Jeff Watts. Mark Frye, Jeff Watts,</p> <p>22 Tom Carey, Scott Dick. They surrounded me. Jason and --</p> <p>23 Jason Dick, also. They surrounded me.</p> <p>24 Q. Who else? Your name, Jeff Denton?</p>  | <p style="text-align: right;">Page 226</p> <p>1 Q. You and Andre didn't threaten --</p> <p>2 A. No.</p> <p>3 Q. -- Watts and Frye?</p> <p>4 MR. TAMARKIN: You have to wait until he</p> <p>5 finishes his questions.</p> <p>6 THE WITNESS: He's asking them over and over.</p> <p>7 MR. TAMARKIN: You're jumping into his</p> <p>8 questions and you -- you have to listen to what I</p> <p>9 tell you, okay?</p> <p>10 THE WITNESS: Okay.</p> <p>11 MR. TAMARKIN: You don't listen.</p> <p>12 Q. You didn't threaten Frye and Watts?</p> <p>13 A. No.</p> <p>14 Q. Didn't yell and scream at Frye and Watts?</p> <p>15 A. I talk in a deep voice. I screamed through the</p> <p>16 shop deli.</p> <p>17 Q. Well, in your affidavit you say that, "I then</p> <p>18 got up set with the three men who had hurt me and started</p> <p>19 yelling at them."</p> <p>20 A. Well, that's a figure of speech.</p> <p>21 Q. What do you mean by "yelling" at them?</p> <p>22 A. I talk with a deep voice. I'm yelling now.</p> <p>23 I'm not mad at you.</p> <p>24 Q. Okay. And you were then terminated?</p> |

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1 A. Yes.  
 2 Q. Andre was terminated?  
 3 A. Yes. I don't know how it -- maybe he just  
 4 pointed at each one of us, you're fired, you're fired, and  
 5 that was it.  
 6 Q. Bob Branigan?  
 7 A. We headed for our car. He followed me out to  
 8 my nephew's vehicle. There was no dispute. I told him I  
 9 would seek an attorney.  
 10 MR. TAMARKIN: Were you asked all this?  
 11 Q. Did you say to Bob Branigan, am I fired? Did  
 12 you like question him whether you were fired?  
 13 A. I said, are you firing me? He said, yes,  
 14 you're fired.  
 15 Q. Did you say, good, that's what I wanted?  
 16 A. No.  
 17 Q. Did you say that?  
 18 A. No. No. Why would I say that?  
 19 Q. Now, in your affidavit you say that you then  
 20 went to the Montgomery police on February 25th, that they  
 21 went out and questioned management, and the three males who  
 22 poisoned you were then suspended for three days. Is that  
 23 what you say here?  
 24 A. Yeah.

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1 Q. How did you find out that information? Did the  
 2 Montgomery police tell you that?  
 3 A. No. We had Mr. Carl Stewart -- we had a  
 4 meeting. Am I supposed to be answering this?  
 5 MR. TAMARKIN: Answer the question, yes.  
 6 THE WITNESS: Yes?  
 7 MR. TAMARKIN: Jeffrey, I can't -- off the  
 8 record a minute.  
 9 (Off the record.)  
 10 Q. You put information in here --  
 11 A. That they were suspended.  
 12 Q. That on February 25 you went to the Montgomery  
 13 police, that they then -- Montgomery police then went out  
 14 to Columbia and questioned them.  
 15 Then the three males who poisoned you were  
 16 suspended for three days. How --  
 17 A. How did I determine that?  
 18 Q. How did you learn that?  
 19 A. Because Mr. Stewart requested that Mr.  
 20 Branigan and Mr. Peters have a service meeting and he told  
 21 what was going on about the pranks, what happened. There  
 22 will be no more pranks in the shop.  
 23 MR. TAMARKIN: Answer the question. You  
 24 learned it because they told you. That's the answer.

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1 A. Because the supervisors told me.  
 2 Q. Was this a meeting with everybody present?  
 3 A. Yes.  
 4 Q. Everybody in the shop?  
 5 A. Yes.  
 6 Q. Okay. This occurred -- had a meeting occurred  
 7 after you signed a release?  
 8 A. I don't remember signing a release.  
 9 Q. Do you remember getting \$7,000?  
 10 A. Yeah.  
 11 Q. Why did you get \$7,000?  
 12 A. You tell me. Why did I get it?  
 13 Q. Do you know?  
 14 A. No, I don't.  
 15 Q. So Columbia Oldsmobile paid you \$7,000, paid  
 16 you back pay for the time that you missed after you were  
 17 fired, correct?  
 18 A. The time I missed after I was fired?  
 19 Q. You were fired --  
 20 A. For two days.  
 21 Q. You missed about three days as a result of  
 22 being fired, right?  
 23 A. Yeah.  
 24 Q. Columbia Oldsmobile paid you that money that

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1 you missed, didn't they?  
 2 A. Yeah.  
 3 Q. Then paid you another \$7,000?  
 4 A. Yeah.  
 5 Q. Why did Columbia Oldsmobile pay you \$7,000?  
 6 MR. TAMARKIN: Objection. Objection. He said  
 7 he didn't know.  
 8 Q. Okay. Do you think you owe that money back to  
 9 Columbia Olds?  
 10 MR. TAMARKIN: Objection.  
 11 MR. LANGENBAHN: Huh?  
 12 MR. TAMARKIN: Objection. It's not relevant.  
 13 You can answer.  
 14 A. No.  
 15 (Off the record.)  
 16 (Denton Exhibits 5 and 6 were marked for  
 17 identification.)  
 18 Q. Sir, I'm going to show you Exhibit Number 5.  
 19 Take a look at Exhibit 5. You see that document? Look at  
 20 the second page. Is that your signature on that document?  
 21 A. I don't -- I don't know.  
 22 Q. You don't know. Okay. Take a look at Exhibit  
 23 6. Is that your signature on that document?  
 24 A. Why is there two of them?

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1 A Bob Brautigam, Jim Peters.

2 Q Let me understand how are you related to Andre?

3 A He's my nephew.

4 Q So your brother -- it's your brother's son?

5 A Yes.

6 Q And your brother's name is?

7 A Andre.

8 Q And it's Andre --

9 A Denton.

10 Q And Andre Tucker goes by his mother's name?

11 A Yes.

12 Q And how is it that you recommended to Bob  
13 Brautigam and Jim Peters, Andre; what did you tell them?

14 A "He needs a job and he's in the same field that  
15 you guys are hiring for, you need a lube tech. He's a lube  
16 tech." And they brought him in for an interview. And  
17 upon -- I've answered the questions.

18 Q They brought him in for an interview, and what  
19 happened?

20 A They brought him for in an interview. I was under  
21 the assumption that he was being interviewed for a lube  
22 tech, and they hired him as a car wash person.

23 Q Did you object to him being hired as a car wash  
24 person?

25 A No.

1 A When it was needed.

2 Q And they agreed to loan you money?

3 A Sometimes.

4 Q And you agreed to pay them back, is that right?

5 A Yes.

6 Q And is it correct that the loaning of money from  
7 Columbia Oldsmobile to Jeffrey Denton occurred after March  
8 1st, 2000?

9 A I would say it was before then.

10 Q Before then?

11 A Yes.

12 Q So if it occurred before March 1st, Columbia  
13 Oldsmobile would give you a check, correct?

14 A Yes.

15 Q And then they would deduct it out of your pay,  
16 your next week's pay?

17 A Yes.

18 Q You were paid weekly by Columbia Oldsmobile?

19 A Yes.

20 Q Who did you go to to -- the initial loan from  
21 Columbia Oldsmobile, who did you go to to negotiate that  
22 loan?

23 A Jim Peters or Mr. Bob Brautigam.

24 Q Were they in charge of payroll, if you know?

25 A I don't know.



1 Q Who was in charge of payroll?

2 A I don't know who was in charge of payroll.

3 Q Would they be able to get you a loan from Columbia  
4 Oldsmobile?

5 MR. TAMARKIN: Who?

6 Q Bob Brautigam and Jim Peters.

7 A Being that they were my supervisors, I don't know  
8 how they got the loan but it was a Columbia Oldsmobile check  
9 that I would be given which would be paid back.

10 Q Did you ever go to Carl Stewart and ask him for a  
11 loan from Columbia Oldsmobile?

12 A Yes.

13 Q How often?

14 A Once.

15 Q Do you know when that was?

16 A After I met him.

17 Q And you didn't meet him until after this incident  
18 with Mark Fry and Jeff Watts, correct?

19 A Correct.

20 Q Let me show you what we've marked as Exhibit 8.  
21 Over the course of your employment with Columbia Oldsmobile,  
22 you became familiar with employee disciplinary reports?

23 A Yes.

24 Q And looking at Exhibit 8, this is an employee  
25 disciplinary report dated February 21, 2000.

1 Q This is an employee disciplinary report, says here  
2 that you were told on numerous occasions to use a torque  
3 stick when reinstalling lug nuts, "the GM told him to use  
4 one on his vehicle because he was not." See that?

5 A Yes.

6 Q Do you recall ever that you were servicing a  
7 vehicle that was owned by a General Motors representative  
8 and he specifically reprimanded you or stated to you, "Hey,  
9 when you service my vehicle I want you to use a torque  
10 stick?"

11 A Let me tell you what I recall. When I came in to  
12 service every day after February 24th, I was singled out.  
13 Every place I went in the dealership as far as working on  
14 cars, as far as whatever I've done, I was singled out. If  
15 you had x-ray vision, it would burn through my shirt.  
16 That's the way everything was after the incident that I  
17 filed with EEOC. It was her harassment and I can't say  
18 anything else. You've got a stack of disciplinary reports  
19 that I'm going to give you the same answer on every time.

20 Q You didn't file your EEOC charge until August of  
21 2000, right?

22 A I don't know. But I'm saying the carbon monoxide  
23 incident, from that point, that's when all this ruckus, and  
24 it just wouldn't stop. I got a disciplinary report every  
25 other day at Columbia Oldsmobile. And the next one I'm

1 probably going to answer the same way, sir.

2 Q Well, just to refresh your memory, here's the  
3 affidavit you filed with EEOC and it's dated August 8, 2000.  
4 So you didn't file your complaint with the EEOC until --

5 A Well, I seeked an attorney before then. I seeked  
6 an attorney after the carbon monoxide incident, which  
7 Columbia Oldsmobile was aware of.

8 Q Who did you go to?

9 A Ivan Tamarkin.

10 Q And when did you first contact Mr. Tamarkin?

11 A I don't know.

12 Q But my question that started this is, I didn't ask  
13 you about a Columbia Oldsmobile representative, I said, do  
14 you recall a General Motors representative, someone who  
15 worked for General Motors?

16 A I didn't recall -- everyone was a customer as far  
17 as I was concerned. I didn't know what their occupation was  
18 or what they did. I treated every customer like they were  
19 the only customer. I didn't single out a GM customer from  
20 any other.

21 Q And I understand what you're saying, but I'm just  
22 -- what I'm asking, do you recall that someone complained to  
23 you and said, "Listen, I work for General Motors and you're  
24 doing this wrong?"

25 A No, I don't.

1 Q Did some other people get chicken besides you and  
2 Andre?

3 A I'm sure they did.

4 Q Where would you get the chicken?

5 A BW-3s.

6 Q Where did the pizza come from?

7 A LaRosa's.

8 Q So the dealership paid for the lunch, is that  
9 right?

10 A I don't know who paid for it.

11 Q You didn't pay for it?

12 A Absolutely not.

13 Q Where was this meeting held?

14 A In the service department in the garage.

15 Q Was it in that lunch room there?

16 A It was in the garage. No, I wouldn't eat in  
17 there.

18 Q And what did Jim Peters and Bob Brautigam tell  
19 everybody?

20 A "If there is another prank, a hate crime, graffiti  
21 written, you will be fired immediately."

22 Q Anything else?

23 A Basically I mean everything was on that basis.

24 Q So they said no more pranks, no more --

25 A Jokes, no more whatever. And I think their

1 solution to what happened to me with the carbon monoxide, it  
2 was just -- basically I was a loner at Columbia Oldsmobile.  
3 No one after that period, no one -- if they weren't doing  
4 evil to me they weren't doing anything to me. I've heard,  
5 "Don't speak to Jeff Denton, he'll get you in trouble." I  
6 mean, just hearsay as I'm walking. So there wasn't any  
7 pranks that were, noticeable pranks that were performed.  
8 They had dropped down to, I wouldn't say a minimum because  
9 they continued, but they weren't, you know, out in the open  
10 like they were.

11 Q What pranks occurred -- let me ask you this. And  
12 did Bob Brautigam or Jim Peters say that if an incident  
13 occurs, we ask that you immediately report it to us?

14 A You're speaking of at the service meeting?

15 Q Yes.

16 A Yes, but no one did it.

17 Q So you were made aware that if a prank occurred or  
18 something happened --

19 A I reported my incidents.

20 Q -- you were supposed to report it?

21 A Absolutely. I reported mine.

22 Q And you were also told, as these other people  
23 were, that no other incidents, pranks, would be tolerated,  
24 correct?

25 A Yes, I wasn't doing any.

1 Q You're supposed to be there at eight o'clock,  
2 right?

3 A Yeah, you're saying there actually I was catching  
4 a bus. I mean, if I was late and I knew I wasn't going to  
5 be on time, I phoned. So why would I --

6 Q But you knew you were supposed to be there at  
7 eight o'clock, correct?

8 A Sometimes I couldn't get there at eight.

9 Q And "sometimes" How often is sometimes?

10 A I don't know.

11 Q Is it more than once?

12 A Yes.

13 Q More than five?

14 A Yes.

15 Q More than ten times?

16 A In a period of two years, yes.

17 Q More than thirty times?

18 A No.

19 Q So less than thirty?

20 A Yes.

21 Q How about less than twenty?

22 A Yes.

23 Q Less than fifteen?

24 A Somewhere around there.

25 Q Around fifteen times in two years?



1 black ten questions ago.

2 Q Did you ever see Mark Fry pull a prank on Al  
3 Parker?

4 A Well, I wasn't concerned about Mark Fry pulling  
5 pranks on anyone. I saw him pull them on Mr. Frederick and  
6 pulled them on me. So that was good enough. I wasn't an  
7 investigator I was a service technician. I was already  
8 accused from falling asleep in the cafeteria, so I  
9 definitely didn't need to do investigating on somebody  
10 pulling pranks. No, I never witnessed it.

11 Q Did you ever see Jeff Watts pull a prank on Mr.  
12 Parker?

13 A Wasn't any of my concern.

14 Q But you were -- it wasn't any of your concern but  
15 you observed the fact that Jeff Watts and Mark Fry pulled  
16 pranks on Mr. Frederick, right?

17 A Yes. I was a new employee and it seemed kind of  
18 humorous from the beginning and then when I found out that  
19 they were just -- it was a daily thing against Mr.  
20 Frederick, it was brought to my attention and I thought it  
21 was evilness and I addressed it, I took it to supervisors.

22 Q Did you see any pranks being pulled on Al Parker?

23 A No, I didn't.

24 Q And did Mr. Parker seem to have a good working  
25 relationship were everybody in the shop?

1           A     Mr. Parker seemed to -- everybody used to --  
2     seemed to -- how do I word this -- Mr. Parker was a thirty-  
3     year employee over everybody. He probably had twenty-five  
4     years over everybody in there. So they treated him with  
5     respect, just on that basis.

6           Q     So you're saying that you knew Mr. Parker had been  
7     employed by Columbia Oldsmobile for over thirty years?

8           A     Yeah, it was known the day I walked in.

9           Q     This incident with you and Al Parker, did Al ask  
10    you several times to retract the oil hose all the way  
11    because it hung low and would be in the way and Al said he  
12    would hit his head on it if it was not hung up all the way?  
13    Did he tell you that?

14          A     Well, and my response to that was there is only  
15    two oil dispensers on that side and there is probably  
16    fifteen technicians that change oil. So my response to Al  
17    is, "I retracted it, talk to the other technicians". That's  
18    what my response was. Yes, he did say that to me. And I  
19    told him, "There is other technicians that you need to  
20    notify."

21          Q     Did some of the people that came in about this  
22    incident and witness this incident tell you that you should  
23    respect your elders? Do you recall any of that occurring?

24          A     Well, no, but can I answer?

25               MR. TAMARKIN: Yes.

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1 Q. -- that appears on Exhibit 29?  
 2 A. Yeah, that's my signature.  
 3 Q. Is that Bob Branigan's signature that appears  
 4 on Exhibit 29?  
 5 A. I don't know. Says Robert.  
 6 Q. What's your printing say?  
 7 A. What do you mean?  
 8 Q. Well, what's your comment on the bottom?  
 9 A. Didn't two lugs on passenger and rear front.  
 10 That's what it looks like.  
 11 Q. What's it say?  
 12 A. It looks look to me, didn't two lugs on  
 13 passenger's rear end front.  
 14 Q. What are you trying to say there?  
 15 A. I'm not trying to say anything. I probably  
 16 just was provoked from signing disciplinary acts, I  
 17 probably just put anything down there.  
 18 Q. Look at the repair order which is attached,  
 19 next document, where it says 6,000 mile service, 52.  
 20 That's your number, right?  
 21 A. Uh-huh.  
 22 MR. TAMARKIN: You have to say yes.  
 23 A. Yes.  
 24 Q. Again, do you recall this particular

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1 disciplinary action occurring?  
 2 A. No, I don't recall it. I had several. This is  
 3 just another one. I don't recall it, no.  
 4 Q. That Bob Branigan was saying to you that you  
 5 had performed defective and improper work?  
 6 MR. TAMARKIN: Objection.  
 7 A. I don't recall it. I mean, I was in there  
 8 every day. Look at the dates on the documents.  
 9 (Exhibit 30 was marked for identification.)  
 10 Q. Let me show you Exhibit 30.  
 11 A. Are you giving me a copy?  
 12 Q. Just wait one second.  
 13 MR. TAMARKIN: You'll get the original.  
 14 A. He said, "let me show you," then he started  
 15 reading.  
 16 Q. Let me show you Exhibit 30. This is an  
 17 employee disciplinary report dated November 15, 2000, for  
 18 improper conduct.  
 19 First, is that your initials that appear on  
 20 this document, Exhibit 30?  
 21 A. This is just a scribble.  
 22 Q. Well, is that your initials?  
 23 A. I can't recall. I just started just --  
 24 Q. November 15 at 2:45 p.m. Mr. Stewart was

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1 walking past Jeffrey going to the parts department and  
 2 overheard Jeffrey tell Scott Dick to go ahead and just get  
 3 it off his chest in a taunting manner.  
 4 Mr. Stewart reprimanded Jeffrey and told him  
 5 that taunting other employees would not be tolerated and  
 6 all incidents are to be brought to the attention of the  
 7 service manager. See that?  
 8 A. Uh-huh.  
 9 Q. Do you recall that happening?  
 10 A. Yeah.  
 11 Q. Tell me --  
 12 A. This incident I do.  
 13 Q. Huh?  
 14 A. This incident I do recall.  
 15 Q. Tell me what you recall.  
 16 A. This one is valid.  
 17 Q. Please?  
 18 A. This one is valid.  
 19 Q. What do you mean "valid"?  
 20 A. It's more like something that Mr. Stewart did  
 21 actually witness.  
 22 Q. What did Mr. Stewart witness?  
 23 A. He witnessed me telling Scott Dick to get  
 24 whatever is on his chest, let it out.

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1 Q. What was -- what were you saying -- what did  
 2 you mean when you said to Scott Dick, go ahead, just get it  
 3 off your chest?  
 4 A. Well, I was -- excuse my language, I don't  
 5 speak like this, I was a mother fucker and a black  
 6 son-of-a-bitch. And I told him he woke up on the wrong  
 7 side of the bed, why don't you just get it off your chest.  
 8 Q. So you're saying that he said to you that  
 9 you're a mother fucker and a black son-of-a-bitch?  
 10 A. Yes, he did.  
 11 Q. That's what he said to you, Scott Dick?  
 12 A. Yes.  
 13 Q. And then what did you say back to him?  
 14 A. Get it off your chest. You must have woke up  
 15 on the wrong side of the bed. Why don't you get whatever  
 16 is ailing you off your chest, I don't sleep with you.  
 17 Q. What was Mr. Dick's response?  
 18 A. His response was pretty much what he said  
 19 before I made my statement. That's when Mr. Stewart  
 20 drifted past in the parts, he says he was going and he  
 21 observed my response.  
 22 Q. He observed your response?  
 23 A. Yes.  
 24 Q. Your response was go ahead, get it off your

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1 (A recess was taken from 11:28 to 11:45.)  
 2 Q. Sir, how were you referred to Mr. Tamarkin?  
 3 How did you get to Mr. Tamarkin?  
 4 MR. TAMARKIN: Objection. You can answer.  
 5 A. I called another attorney and he told me that  
 6 he was a fine attorney.  
 7 MR. TAMARKIN: Objection. Move it be stricken.  
 8 Q. So you called another attorney, this attorney  
 9 then referred you to Mr. Tamarkin, correct?  
 10 A. Yes, I think that's what I did. I can't really  
 11 say. Somebody directed me to him that wasn't an attorney.  
 12 Q. Who's the other attorney you called?  
 13 A. I can't recall.  
 14 MR. TAMARKIN: Objection.  
 15 Q. I'm just trying to -- what document or what  
 16 evidence or what material would there be to indicate when  
 17 you first saw Mr. Tamarkin?  
 18 A. What document?  
 19 Q. Yeah.  
 20 MR. TAMARKIN: Objection. That would be my  
 21 information. That's privileged. I'm not going to  
 22 let him answer that.  
 23 If you have some documents that reflect when  
 24 you first saw me, you can answer.

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1 A. I don't know.  
 2 MR. TAMARKIN: Unless you've given those  
 3 documents to me as work product.  
 4 A. I told him I couldn't answer it.  
 5 Q. Sir, let me go back and show you Exhibit 4,  
 6 which is an affidavit that you signed at the EEOC on August  
 7 8, 2000. See it says here August 8, 2000?  
 8 A. Uh-huh.  
 9 MR. TAMARKIN: Say yes.  
 10 A. Yes.  
 11 Q. Had you consulted with Mr. Tamarkin before that  
 12 date August 8, 2000?  
 13 MR. TAMARKIN: Objection. Asked and answered.  
 14 He didn't know.  
 15 A. I don't know.  
 16 (Exhibit 33 was marked for identification.)  
 17 Q. Let me show you Exhibit 33. This is an undated  
 18 employee disciplinary report. Says brake fluid was not  
 19 topped off on the 6,000 mile service on October 10, 2000.  
 20 Repair order number 221849.  
 21 Customer had to return on October 13, 2000 with  
 22 brake light coming on. Brake fluid was low.  
 23 You see this, employee disciplinary report?  
 24 A. Yes.

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1 Q. It's for defective and improper work. Do you  
 2 see that?  
 3 A. Uh-huh.  
 4 Q. True?  
 5 A. Yes, I see it.  
 6 Q. You would agree that if brake fluid was not  
 7 topped off on 6,000 service, that it would be defective and  
 8 improper work, correct?  
 9 A. Depends on what vehicle this was. They  
 10 actually had a recall on brake lights coming on, on the  
 11 Alero. So it depends.  
 12 Brake lights shouldn't come on. So it's  
 13 improper work either way from the manufacturer or --  
 14 Q. If it was a vehicle other than an Alero and the  
 15 brake fluid was not topped off, that would be defective or  
 16 improper work, correct?  
 17 A. Yeah.  
 18 Q. Now, is that your signature that appears on  
 19 this employee disciplinary report?  
 20 A. It looks like it.  
 21 Q. And there's printing underneath that says agree  
 22 with complaint?  
 23 A. Yeah.  
 24 Q. So you agreed with that complaint?

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1 A. It probably was low enough to make the light  
 2 come on but it was still at the maximum level. I remember  
 3 this one, yes.  
 4 Q. How could it be at the maximum level and  
 5 still --  
 6 A. They have the line on it. You can actually  
 7 even overfill a master cylinder.  
 8 The maximum level, the reservoir still has  
 9 capacity to put more fluid in. So --  
 10 Q. Go ahead.  
 11 A. If it goes up a hill it tilts and the censor,  
 12 it tends to -- I mean, several vehicles the lights then  
 13 came on and it wasn't just me. I topped fluid off. I  
 14 mean, I went in, I topped fluid off for other technicians  
 15 that the light came on.  
 16 Where's the repair order on this particular  
 17 one?  
 18 Q. You agree in performing a 6,000 mile service  
 19 you're supposed to top off the brake fluid, right?  
 20 A. All fluids, yeah.  
 21 (Exhibit 34 was marked for identification.)  
 22 Q. I'll show you Exhibit 34. This is a time card.  
 23 It shows for June 8, first entry where it says at the top,  
 24 first day, says June 8:25. You see that?

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1 A. Not legible but I see the first day.  
 2 Q. You agree you're supposed to be there at 8:00,  
 3 right?  
 4 A. Uh-huh.  
 5 Q. True?  
 6 A. Yeah.  
 7 Q. Look at the next day. It says second day. It  
 8 says June 20, 8:44. You see that?  
 9 A. Uh-huh.  
 10 Q. Again, you're supposed to be there at 8:00  
 11 a.m., right? Correct?  
 12 A. Yes.  
 13 Q. The third day June 21, says 8:55. You see  
 14 that? Again, you're supposed to be there at 8:00 a.m.,  
 15 right?  
 16 A. Uh-huh.  
 17 MR. TAMARKIN: Say yes.  
 18 A. Yes.  
 19 Q. The next day, fourth day, says June 22, 8:22  
 20 a.m. See that?  
 21 A. Yes.  
 22 Q. Again, you agree you're supposed to be there at  
 23 8:00, right?  
 24 A. Yes.

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1 Q. The fifth day, June 23 says 8:25 a.m. See  
 2 that?  
 3 A. Uh-huh.  
 4 MR. TAMARKIN: Yes.  
 5 A. Yes.  
 6 Q. Again, you're supposed to be there at 8:00  
 7 a.m., right?  
 8 A. Uh-huh.  
 9 Q. Yes?  
 10 A. Yes.  
 11 Q. Why was it you were late that entire week?  
 12 A. Because this is my time card and it's just  
 13 another way to incriminate me. They knew I was catching a  
 14 bus, Mr. Peters, Mr. Branigan, Mr. Stewart. I caught the  
 15 bus to work.  
 16 Being that at Kenwood Montgomery it runs every  
 17 other hour, which if I caught it -- if I got there at 7:00  
 18 I would be sitting out there on the porch of Columbia  
 19 Oldsmobile, which was not permitted by Montgomery  
 20 Police Department.  
 21 And I told them I would vary from 15 minutes  
 22 late to -- I mean, I clocked in at that time. I didn't  
 23 doctor my time card.  
 24 So it varies from the Metro bus schedule, 10

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1 minutes, 12 minutes.  
 2 I'm supposed to be off at 5:00, too, but it  
 3 doesn't read that way also.  
 4 Q. In fact, the first day says 1602, which I  
 5 believe is 4:02?  
 6 A. Okay. The first day of what? When is this --  
 7 the date ending period? I can't even make out anything on  
 8 it. Yours looks more legible than mine.  
 9 Q. Did anybody at Columbia keep a record of times  
 10 that you were late?  
 11 A. I don't know. I assumed that I was being  
 12 watched daily. So I guess somebody was keeping time.  
 13 Q. Well, is it your position that you were late  
 14 every day?  
 15 A. Yeah. I caught the bus. Mr. Peters and  
 16 Mr. Branigan and Mr. Stewart was aware of compensating that  
 17 Mr. Al Parker was there at 6:30 so, you know, he came in at  
 18 6:30 for some reason. He was allowed to come in at 6:30.  
 19 Q. You told me earlier that you couldn't get  
 20 there.  
 21 A. I couldn't get there. I mean I couldn't get  
 22 in.  
 23 Q. Why did Al Parker get in?  
 24 A. I don't know. Same way he -- different

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1 complaints on me, I guess. I don't know.  
 2 But, no, the answer to the question is, I  
 3 didn't -- wasn't aware that somebody kept records of -- I  
 4 thought my time card did that.  
 5 Q. Your time card would then show that you were  
 6 late --  
 7 A. Late.  
 8 Q. -- for the most part?  
 9 A. Or if I left early, yeah.  
 10 Q. And you were cautioned about that during the  
 11 course of your employment, right? You are told, hey, look,  
 12 you're supposed to be here at 8:00?  
 13 A. No, I was never told that.  
 14 Q. You were told in the beginning you were  
 15 supposed to work from 8:00 to 5:00, right?  
 16 A. Yes. Then I explained my circumstances about  
 17 my transportation and management compensated the 12 minutes  
 18 to 20 minutes that it took me to get to work, being that I  
 19 had public transportation.  
 20 Q. So your position is that you went and talked to  
 21 Bob Branigan and explained to him --  
 22 A. Absolutely.  
 23 Q. -- that you were going to be late and he  
 24 accepted that; is that right?

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